



# Zoning Board of Appeals

Minutes of Thursday, June 8, 2017 – 7:00 PM

**Board of Appeals members present:** Charles Dudek, Gerry Mann, Osa Flory & Marcianna Caplis

**Public Present:** Susan Fortgang, Chris Flory, Andrew Dunn, David Pomerantz, & Donna LaScaleia

The Board called this meeting in response to some questions from Ms. Fortgang regarding her Special Permit at 16 Walpole Road for the event venue known as Valley View Farm. Ms. Fortgang is requesting some modifications of the conditions of the Special Permit. She asked the Board to extend the closing time, to increase the amount of people allowed at an event, and she would like to have outdoor music for up to six events. The Board advised Ms. Fortgang that the modification for outdoor music would be a significant change and would need to hold another public hearing. Ms. Fortgang will file an application for the modification.

Andrew Dunn & Donna LaScaleia from the Northampton Department of Public Works and David Pomerantz, Central Services for the City of Northampton were in to speak with the Board about a project the City wants to do at the Water Treatment Plant. The city would like to put up a “garage” for the equipment that is used on the property. The building would be 36’ x 72’ and would be used for equipment and vehicle storage. They had plans to show the board where it would be built. As they are under conditions of a Special Permit dated 8/30/2004, they wanted to see how the Board wanted them to proceed. The Board had read over the conditions of the Special Permit that was granted 8/30/2004. The Board asked that adequate visual screening be planted to screen the neighbors from the buildings.

The Board was in unanimous agreement that the proposed location of the storage facility is not a significant change from the 2004 decision. They were in unanimous agreement that this is an insignificant addition to the Special permit dated 8/30/2004 and construction of a vehicle/equipment storage building does not pose a negative impact on the neighborhood. Motion made (GM) and seconded (OF) to allow the City of Northampton to proceed with the building of the equipment storage building under the old special permit with one condition that the proposed construction in adequately screened from the neighborhood with natural vegetative screening. Motion so voted.

Motion made (GM) and seconded (OF) to adjourn. Motion so voted.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Lessard, Secretary